(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Medicinal Plant Board has identified 31 medicinal plants including Amla for funding their cultivation. They have also funded scheme for ensuring quality planting material for propagation.

Opening of Ayurvedic College in Rajasthan

1229. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open any Ayurvedic College in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the college would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal. The Central Government has already established National Institute of Ayurveda at Jaipur.

Check on Pharmaceutical Firms

†1230. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pharmaceutical firms allure the doctors and offer them gifts for prescribing their medicines;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any special steps to keep a check on it.

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) As per the Code of Medical

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Ethics of Medical Council of India it has been prescribed that a physician shall not give, solicit, or receive nor shall he offer to give, solicit or received, any gift, gratutiy, commission or bonus in consideration of or return for the referring, recommending or procuring by a physician of any person, specimen or material for diagnostic, or other study or work. The Medical Council of India or the State Medical Councils are empowered to award such punishment as deemed necessary or even removal of the name of any registered practitioner from the Register altogether or for a specified period in respect of any act of violation of the Code of Ethics which may be brought before it, after conducting an enquiry.

Male Technicians in Safdarjung Hospital

1231. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Safdarjung Hospital, many techniclans e.g., screening, X-ray, Ultrasound etc., are male who undertake the tests for both male and female patients and females have to undress before such male technicians thereby subjecting them to traumatic embarrassment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/contemplated to put a stop to this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (b) X-ray of female patients are normally done by available female technicians. In the absence of female technicians, the investigation procedures are undertaken in the presense of female nursing staff. Screening, X-ray and ultrasound are undertaken by the doctors in the presence of female nursing staff who are posted permanently in the said department.

Medical Treatment for Retired Officers in CGHS Recognised Hospitals

1232. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the retired class-I officers to go direct for medical treatment in CHGS recognized hospitals in view of the difficulties being faced by them;